

**HAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
February 27, 2006 – 7:00 PM**

PRESENT: Jim Workman, Chairman
Cliff Pratt, Vice-Chairman
Rick Griffin
Ben Moore
Virginia Bridle-Russell
James S. Barrington, Town Manager
Maureen Duffy, Administrative Assistant

REGRETS:

Chairman Jim Workman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and introduced those in attendance.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG – Skip Windemiller led the audience in the salute to the flag.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Since the weather has been cold lately Mr. Pratt suggested that residents do their best to stay warm.

Mr. Moore reminded citizens that if their birthday is in February they need to register their vehicle by tomorrow (February 28).

II. APPOINTMENTS

1. DONALD LAVALLEE – 48 BEACH PLUM WAY

Mr. Lavellee with Lavellee/Brensinger Architects addressed the Board of Selectmen on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. David Redding of 48 Beach Plum Way. He apologized for the Reddings as they were unable to attend due to an illness in the family. Their house occupies Lot #41, which is owned by the Town of Hampton and leased to the Reddings. The Reddings are planning on putting an addition onto their home. The lease requires that they receive the Board of Selectmen's approval. The proposed addition does not violate current codes, property setbacks or leased land restrictions, as confirmed by the Town Building Inspector Kevin Schultz. The proposed addition will increase square footage on the first floor by 246 (bathroom and stairs will be added) and the second floor will increase by 150 square feet (three bedrooms and two bathrooms).

It was unclear to Mr. Moore what authority the Board of Selectmen has in regard to this particular building proposal and asked if this was a Planning Board or Zoning Board issue. Mr. Workman stated that there is a

restriction on the lease under 11 c, "In the event of any additional or new construction on the premises (not including normal maintenance or interior alterations) the Lessee shall, before commencing such additional construction obtain Lessor's prior written consent."

Mr. Pratt said that the house is a nonconforming existing structure. Mr. Lavallee said that the addition will not impede on the setback requirement as it does not have to satisfy the previous setback. Mr. Pratt said that the house is nonconforming within the lot. Mr. Lavallee said that the structure would be nonconforming as the codes exist today. Mr. Moore asked if the structure would then need to be considered by the Zoning Board of Adjustment because of its nonconformance. Mr. Workman believes that it would need to go to the Zoning Board for consideration.

Mr. Pratt would like to consult with the Town Building Inspector Kevin Schultz before making any decisions. Mr. Barrington will ask Mr. Schultz to develop a memo that addresses the Board's concerns about this addition.

Mr. Pratt MOTIONED to request a memo from the Town Building Inspector, Kevin Schultz before making a decision on the addition to the structure on 48 Beach Plum Way. **Mr. Moore SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

2. ELIZABETH WEBB – ARTICLE 6 – CONSTRUCTION OF FIRE STATION

Elizabeth Webb of 11 Windmill Lane addressed the Board of Selectmen. She attended the Deliberative Session and was present during the discussion on Article 6, (The Construction of the Fire Station). After the Article was approved for the ballot it was questioned if the picture provided by the Fire Chief was the Station voters would be voting on. According to Mrs. Webb, one Selectmen verbally said yes and three of the other Selectmen nodded their heads in agreement. She said that she interpreted the head nods and the one verbal yes as a vote to accept the presented design. According to Mrs. Webb the picture that was presented the day of the Deliberative Session would be the one that Hampton residents will be voting on. Mrs. Webb believes that if the voters do not know exactly what it is that they are voting for they will vote against it.

Mrs. Webb said that there are 14 days before the Town election and a legal notice announcing a public hearing must be published in a local newspaper ten days before the indicated date. Mrs. Webb said that according to "Robert's Rules of Order" once the motion was accepted and voted this restricted the design along with the square footage presented at the Deliberative Session and this would be what the public hearing must be on. She said that there is little time left to hold a public hearing as most newspapers already have their pages set. Mrs. Webb said that the Board committed to the design presented at the Deliberative Session. She suggested that the Board take advantage of Channel 22 and broadcast the Board's plan in regards to the fire station so that citizens are confident in what they are voting on. Mrs. Webb believes that it is not fair to the people who attended the Deliberative Session or the Precinct Commissioners and that it is in violation of "Robert's Rules of Order".

Mr. Moore responded by saying that he does not recall nodding his head at the Deliberative Session. He said that a public hearing was suggested at the Board of Selectmen's meeting on February 13, as there have been numerous designs presented to the Board prior to the Deliberative Session. Mr. Moore said that Article 6 deals with the dollar figure and not a design. Mr. Moore said that the Board discussed having a public hearing to reconcile the differences between the one document presented to the Board and the other design presented at the Deliberative Session. He realizes that there is confusion in regard to the plan. Mr. Moore hopes that residents vote for the Article so that the project can move forward.

Mr. Griffin said that he does not recall nodding his head in agreement to accept the design at the Deliberative Session.

Mr. Pratt said that he was not present at the Deliberative Session. He said that at the Board of Selectmen's meeting on February 13th the Board decided not to rush into choosing a Fire Station design. He hopes that voters will support the Article.

Mrs. Bridle-Russell said that if the plan that was presented at the Deliberative Session is not the plan that is being put forward the Board should have said something. Mrs. Bridle-Russell believes that the Board destroyed the chances for the Article passing by not having a specific plan. She said that the Board should have had a plan back in June before taking it to the voters and feels that it is the Board's fault if the Article does not pass.

Mrs. Webb recommended that at future Deliberative Sessions, not to be hasty to call for no reconsideration unless there is a meeting the following day to reconsider the Article.

Mr. Moore said that he is concerned that Mrs. Webb is attaching the visual to the words in the Article which changes the intent.

Mrs. Webb said that at open Town meetings people are asked to express their opinions and make decisions based on what was discussed. She said that the Board should not think that they can make decisions after the article has passed.

Mr. Barrington said that the Town of Hampton is not bound by "Robert's Rules of Order". It is a standard but does not have any legal standing in this municipality or in the State of New Hampshire. The plan that was presented at the Deliberative Session was in response to comments made at the Budget Committee Public Hearing. Mr. Barrington said that other designs are similar in style and that it is a matter to how they are configured on the lot. He has a hard time believing that people will vote against the Article just because the location of the headquarters is on one side or the other. He said perhaps the abutter would have concerns. Mr. Barrington does not believe that the Board of Selectmen are bound by head nods. The Deliberative Session is the Moderator's meeting not the Selectmen's meeting and they were not there to take action as a Board. They were there to take action as citizens of the community and to participate in the discussion. Mr. Barrington said that he respects Mrs. Webb's opinion and respectfully disagrees with it.

Mrs. Webb said that to the best of her knowledge government uses "Robert's Rules of Order" as a method of procedure. Mrs. Webb said that in regard to Article 6 parliamentary procedures were violated by not having a public hearing on the Fire Station design before the Town vote. Mr. Barrington said that there is no requirement for the Town to host a public hearing on the design of the building. Mr. Barrington said that the Board of Selectmen talked about doing that as a way to provide citizen input on selecting a design. Mrs. Webb said that the Board decided that it was not necessary to make a decision as they had time after the Town vote. Mr. Moore said that the Board did not vote on it and it was only opinions expressed.

Mr. Barrington said that there has never been money appropriated toward developing the final design. Two years ago the architect was paid to do a space study which identified the amount of space needed and a general layout of a functional system. Since then, the architect who is interested in doing the job has donated countless hours to create several scenarios and to put together a manageable budget to put forward to the voters. A plan has not been approved by the Board of Selectmen, only various possibilities of what the Fire Station could look like. Mr. Barrington said that until there is money allocated to the project the only thing we have is conceptual drawings.

Mr. Barrington read Article 6, which states, "Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,773,880 for the construction of fire department headquarters facilities uptown, and all related activities necessary or desirable for such construction, and to authorize the issuance of bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed \$1,773,880 in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take such other actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiations, sale, and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Hampton?"

Mr. Moore said that there are many conceptual designs and that there is still flexibility in designs as to what that final design might be. Once the money has been appropriated to the project then the Town may consider a more professional arrangement and then something can be presented to residents for comment.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Reports

2005 Town Reports have arrived and are available at the Town Office, the beach fire station, the library, and Marelli's store downtown. The Report may also be downloaded from the Town's website (www.hamptonnh.gov). He also announced that absentee ballots are available at the Town Clerk's Office.

Mr. Barrington strongly encouraged citizens to vote on March 14 at the Town Election. He emphasized the importance of voting on matters that affect people on a local level.

Cable TV Bills

Cable TV bills have been an issue of numerous phone calls recently. In recent years Comcast has regularly increased their rates each January. The Cable TV lobby was very active in Washington DC about 10-15 years ago arguing that deregulation of the cable industry would spur competition. In the more recent past we have seen some movement on local competition for local telephone dial tone service and some broadband/DSL competition. We have not yet seen any signs of cable television competition. Due to the actions of the federal government that deregulated the cable industry a number of years ago, Mr. Barrington strongly encouraged any citizen who is concerned about their cable television bill to contact Congressman Bradley and Senators Gregg and Sununu directly. Mr. Barrington said that in past years the Board of Selectmen requested that the cable company provide senior citizens a discount and the company refused at the time. Recently, he has learned that senior citizens are receiving discounts in surrounding towns. Mr. Barrington has contacted Comcast and is waiting for a reply.

Monuments

Mr. Barrington received a note from John Holman this week. He reports that, "At Monday night's meeting of the Legion Post 35, a vote was taken on our (Legion members) poll of where to move the Monuments, when required. A unanimous vote was the High Street Cemetery Memorial Plot. No negative vote." There is apparently no rush to move the monuments, but the local American Legion Post is interested in having the monuments in a prominent location for their regular observances.

Regional Fire Investigation Team

Chief Lipe reported to Mr. Barrington that Fire Prevention Officers around the area have met to discuss a regional fire investigation team. This approach would strengthen all of the departments in their investigation of fires throughout the region. Mr. Barrington will keep the Board informed as their talks progress.

Aquarion Water Purchase

Mr. Barrington received a notice from Larry Bingaman that Aquarion Water has been bought from Kelda Group, their English holding company, by Macquarie Bank, an Australian holding company. He subsequently told Mr. Barrington that he expects the process to take 6 – 12 months as it goes through federal review as well as state regulatory review in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire.

Retirement & Promotions

With the retirement of Fire Captain Guy Larivee, there are now two new promotions to announce. Effective March 1, Lieutenant David Lang is promoted to Captain and Firefighter Michael McMahon is promoted to Lieutenant. Mr. Jason Newman has been named as a new Firefighter. He is expected to report to work on March 24.

Selectmen's Response to the Manager's Report

Mr. Moore asked about the monument stone in front of the Courthouse. Mr. Barrington said that he has not learned of a problem with moving the monuments.

Mr. Moore inquired if Mr. Barrington has learned any more about grant money for flashing lights in school zones. Mr. Barrington had suggested it to the school and he is working with them on it. Mr. Barrington said that if the lights are flashing during the time as specified in the ordinance there is not a need to change the ordinance.

Mr. Moore inquired if Mr. Barrington has received any information back from State Representatives about House Bill 1747N which dealt with a fee on the discharge from the sewer system. Mr. Barrington said that he has not heard back about it and that he will have an opportunity to ask tomorrow morning.

Mr. Moore asked if there has been any discussion with the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) in regard to Lifeguard issues and surf rescues. Mr. Moore asked if the Town could influence DRED in regard to the number of lifeguards on duty during the summer season. Mr. Barrington said that the Town certainly may discuss this with DRED. He has heard that there are some problems with filling the position because many of the lifeguards are college students who return to school late in the season.

Mr. Moore asked about the EMS fund as to why the revenues are down. Mr. Barrington spoke to Finance Director Dawna Duhamel about it and suggested that Mr. Moore speak directly to her to get a clear answer.

Mr. Griffin asked about the Box 7 recalls. Mr. Barrington explained that it is when rescue vehicles are sent out of Town on mutual aid. The Box 7 calls back any available firefighters. This was the subject of arbitration and the Arbitrator decided in favor of the Union and ordered the Town to reinstate the Box 7 system.

2 – PARKING & LOADING ZONES

Town Attorney Mark Gearreald and Accessibility Specialist from the Governors Commission on Disabilities, Cheryl Killam addressed the Board. Fire Chief Hank Lipe, Police Chief Jamie Sullivan, Public Works Director John Hangen, Project Engineer Peter Howe and Dave McNamara were in attendance to address any concerns in regard to parking and loading zones.

Attorney Gearreald explained that the Beach Infrastructure project has been in place for two years and that there has always been a limited amount of parking at the beach. He said that the Project Engineer has designed the

streets to take full advantage of the right of ways that the Town owns and to implement improvements in the form of sidewalks, streets that are sufficient for firefighting, police enforcement and parking. Attorney Gearreald emphasized that any change to the project will involve a cost.

Mr. Barrington reported that the ordinance referring to Ashworth Avenue indicates four loading zones. Three are on the west side of the road which can be accommodated according in the current infrastructure plan. The fourth loading zone on the east side of the road may be eliminated or moved to the west side. The plan in regard to lettered streets involves parking on one side and has not been reduced as an ordinance.

Mr. Moore said that there are a few issues that need to be addressed prior to finalizing the project. He said that ordinances would need to be changed in regards to the lettered streets and Ashworth Avenue. Mr. Moore said that a public hearing regarding parking and loading zones could be held before or after the Town election.

Mr. Moore provided a general overview of the infrastructure project. B Street is the narrowest street in the area at 37.3 feet in width and the widest is K Street which is approximately 41.5 feet wide. Five feet wide sidewalks on both sides of the street have been discussed with a 20 foot travel lane and eight feet for parking with an additional two feet for a fog lane which provides additional passage for emergency vehicles. On some of the lettered streets a 22 foot travel lane could be considered. The dimensions are on the right-of-ways with building encroachments and the typical street width averages a total of 38 feet.

Mr. Moore said that there have been a lot of public comments taken in regard to the project but the ordinances have not been changed. Mr. Moore said that there are some ADA issues to consider. He said that there is a three foot minimum ADA space requirement with a place for wheelchairs to turnaround or pass one another every 200 feet.

Mr. Moore addressed the issue of diagonal parking rather than parallel. If the street does not have curb cuts then diagonal parking will provide a few more spaces.

Fire Chief Hank Lipe said that in September of 2004 the fire code changed in the State of New Hampshire which increased the minimum to 20 feet from 18 feet.

Chief Lipe presented pictures demonstrating the current Hampton fire truck using horizontal stabilizers. The truck requires approximately 16 feet of jacking width space for the ladder to be elevated. The jacking capabilities enable the ladder to turn 360° and operate where it needs to.

Chief Lipe explained that different fire truck manufacturers have different jacking widths. The smallest trucks available with an aluminum ladder have the narrowest spread at 13.5 feet. Additional space is needed for trucks to stabilize and function properly. Chief Lipe explained that fire trucks with a steel ladder require a "H Jack Spread" support to handle the weight of the ladder. The spread is approximate 17 feet. A steel ladder is important for wood burning structures as they tend to burn hotter than other materials do. In addition steel ladders are more solid in windy conditions where as aluminum ladders are not as supportive in high winds. Chief Lipe explained that steel ladders can easily be repaired where as aluminum ladders need to be replaced.

Chief Lipe discussed short-jacking. Short-jacking is used only on one side of the truck which limits the ladder capabilities as it can only rotate 180° on one side. Utility lines are also important to consider as ladders cannot be used to close to power lines. Chief Lipe said that fire trucks can be jacked on sidewalks however, if there are utility lines in the area short-jacking cannot be considered. In addition, only steel ladder trucks with "H Jack Spreads" may be short-jacked on sidewalks.

Chief Lipe said that 20 foot wide lanes ensure that fire trucks are able to properly function. The additional space also provides room for vehicles to move out of the way for emergency vehicles.

In general most of the newly engineered streets in the beach area are 19 to 20 feet wide. Chief Lipe recommends 20 foot wide travel lanes as a suitable working area for emergency fire vehicles.

Peter Howe said that the five foot wide sidewalk design for curb cuts have a six to seven inch reveal. For a three foot wide sidewalk to be ADA accessible, a ramp would need to be constructed at each curb cut because it would be too steep for a wheelchair, giving the sidewalk a rollercoaster affect. In addition, street light poles, utility poles and building encroachments impact sidewalk availability.

Cheryl Killam said that the 36 inches (3 feet) minimum required by the ADA is very narrow for someone using a wheelchair and it makes it very difficult for them to turn around. In addition utility poles would reduce the amount of space available and it would not meet ADA standards. Mr. Howe said that it is important to consider a five foot wide continuous sidewalk rather than a three foot wide sidewalk that would create a rollercoaster effect.

Mr. Moore discussed loading zones. He said that 20 feet would be required for a travel lane and if there were no sidewalks (which he was not recommending) then there could potentially be parking on both sides of the street (9 feet by 18 feet). Mr. Moore asked if loading zones could be removed from the lettered streets to increase the number of parking spaces in that area. Mr. Howe said that he recalls that the Board of Selectmen were planning on touring the area to consider potential loading zones. Mr. Howe reported that there are 17 loading zones in the ordinance on the lettered streets. Ten of them are on the no parking side of the street and could be moved to the other side which would reduce the number of parking spaces. The other seven are in a suitable location and in the ordinance. It was questioned if all the loading zones are needed.

There are four loading zones along Ashworth Avenue. One is located on the east side and three on the west. Mr. Howe said that the loading zones on the west side make sense with respect to where they are in regard to curb cuts. He also said that the one on the east side does not make sense and should be located on the west. Mr. Moore said that if the majority of the 17 loading zones could be eliminated along the lettered streets it would assist with parking. Mr. Howe suggested that some loading zones could be moved to Ashworth Avenue or Ocean Boulevard.

Mr. Barrington said that it was suggested during a past meeting that loading zones be during scheduled times of the day. Mrs. Bridle-Russell said that enforcement would then become a problem.

Mr. Moore inquired if the intent of the Board was to establish the ordinance that would flow with the physical layout of the streets. Mr. Pratt suggested that the Board wait until beach property owners come back to Hampton in the spring time before considering a public hearing. Mr. Barrington said that the ordinance will need to be changed and suggested that the public hearing should concentrate on a particular area rather than deal with all the streets at one time.

Loading zones along Ocean Boulevard were discussed. Since this roadway is the responsibility of the State, the Board will need to discuss additional loading zones with the Department of Transportation or at the Commissioner's level before considering additional zones along it.

Mr. Pratt said that the intent of the project was to open up the beach area and provide sidewalks for pedestrians.

Mr. Howe said that there were 182 unrestricted parking spaces as well as 19 – 2 hour parking spaces, totaling 201 parking spaces in 2004. The current design includes 121 parking spaces with a loss of 80 on-street parking

spaces (40% loss). Thirty of those spaces were lost as a result of widening the curb cuts to give residents more off street parking.

Mr. Moore asked when the final date for changes to the project would be. By the end of March changes to the infrastructure project cannot be made. The goal is to have the sidewalks in place and streets paved by Memorial Day (May 29).

Mrs. Bridle-Russell confirmed that street construction will be complete by July 4. Mr. Barrington said that there will still be some work done to the sidewalks.

Mr. Pratt said that it is important to have Ocean Boulevard and Ashworth Avenue one way by April 15 so that the people who rent beach property have suitable roadways to show their property. Mr. Howe said that there is a lot of work to be done before that date and if the Board would like to accelerate the project the contractor is likely to charge additional fees. Mr. Pratt said that he believes that it is worth the price as many people had problems renting last year because of the traffic problem. Mr. Barrington said that he can certainly ask what the price would be to have the project accelerated. Mr. Howe said that until the frost is gone from the ground the road cannot be prepared for paving. Mr. Howe warned that if the paving is done too early it may jeopardize the condition of the road. Mr. Howe said that when considering spring weather is very difficult to guarantee that Ocean Boulevard and Ashworth Avenue would be complete by April 15. According to the contractual agreement Ashworth and Ocean Boulevard will be back to one way traffic by Memorial Day (May 29). Mr. Griffin believes that the contract schedule should be kept, as is.

Mrs. Bridle-Russell said that the people in the construction zone are taxpayers. If the people in the beach area are unable to rent summer units because of construction activity in the area, they will have difficulty making money from their rental property. Mr. Barrington said that it was decided after much discussion to have the construction completed as soon as possible rather than spread it out over a longer period of time in smaller pieces. He reminded residents that there is a construction project in progress and there are going to be inconveniences that will take time. It is important that the job is done right rather than compromising the quality and future condition of the streets. Mr. Pratt said that he would like to see a report that addresses the possibilities of having Ashworth Avenue and Ocean Boulevard complete by April 15 to help out summer rentals. Mr. Griffin reminded everyone about how awful the weather was last spring. He believes that the weather had a lot to do with the reduction in renting and not the construction.

Mr. Griffin said that he had a complaint from a resident that lives along P Street that has a handicap. He said that he was asked if a parking space in front of their home could be reserved for their own purpose. Ms. Killam said that it is up to the municipality if they would like to reserve parking spaces for handicap residents. Again the issue of enforcing the parking spaces becomes a problem and it would be very difficult to reserve the space in the summertime.

The engineering of the project will create what the parking will be. The ordinance needs to be changed to agree with the physical layout that has already been done and agreed to, over two years ago. A public hearing will need to be held to discuss where loading zones will be situated.

Mr. Barrington said that the existing and proposed loading zones can be posted for citizens to review. In addition a draft of the proposed changes to the ordinance will also be posted. This information will be posted at Fire Station 1 (beach area). This information will be available by Wednesday, March 2.

Mr. Pratt MOTIONED to hold a public hearing to discuss loading zones and parking regulations along Ashworth Avenue and on A – D Streets on March 20 at 8 pm. **Mr. Moore SECONDED.**

**VOTE: 4 FOR
(Abstained – Griffin)**

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Workman said that traditionally the Board of Selectmen have met Saturday morning, before the Town election. The consensus of the Board was to meet on Saturday, March 11 at 9 AM for a roundtable meeting to discuss the possible outcomes for the warrant articles. The meeting will be broadcasted on Channel 22.

V. MINUTES FEBRUARY 13, 2006

Page 4 – under “Selectmen’s Response to the Manager’s Report” – first paragraph, last sentence – insert “plan to” before implement and delete “immediately”

Mr. Moore MOTIONED to accept the minutes as amended. **Mr. Pratt SECONDED.**

VOTE: 3 FOR
(Abstained – Workman & Bridle-Russell)

VI - CONSENT AGENDA

1. Taxi License
2. 2006 Land Rent Warrant

Mr. Workman requested that the 2006 Land Rent Warrant be pulled from the consent agenda. It was uncertain to why 48 Beach Plum way was not included in the list.

Mr. Moore MOTIONED to accept the Taxi License on the consent agenda. **Mr. Pratt SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

VII - PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Reniere addressed the Board of Selectmen. He said that he found the presentation that the Fire Chief Lipe gave was very enlightening. He said that with vehicles parked on both sides of the road make it difficult for fire trucks to function properly. Mr. Reniere is frustrated about residents complaining that parking spaces will be lost as a result of the Infrastructure Project. He said that people in the beach area should consider their priorities and think about property and lives that could be lost because fire trucks cannot get to the area and function properly.

Geannina Guzman-Scanlon addressed the Board. She said that if there is no parking people will not come Hampton Beach. Mrs. Guzman-Scanlon said that she has been asked to represent the Precinct Commission to preserve as many parking spaces in the Beach area as possible. She said that she learned tonight that the engineering dictates and the decision to have parking on one side of the street was made two years ago. She is puzzled to what happened to the citizens’ input from the meeting that was held last June and the alternatives that she provided to the Town Manger. She feels that having a public hearing now is useless because the decision was made two years ago. Mrs. Guzman-Scanlon is not saying that citizens should not be concerned about public safety, she just wishes that the data provide from her research would have been considered prior to making a decision. She said that the loading zone along Ashworth Avenue is very valuable to the business owners in the area and the Board should consult with them before making decisions about these zones. A few months ago she

provided patterns and various parking possibilities for each street to the Town Manager and requested that she receive feedback from the engineers. She appreciates the project and believes it will improve Hampton Beach, but wishes that residents' needs and requirements were considered. Mrs. Guzman-Scanlon realizes that it would be very expensive to have any changes made to the project. Mrs. Guzman-Scanlon is disappointed in the parking situation.

Skip Windemiller addressed the Board. He said that the Precinct Commission appreciates everything that has been done in regard to the Beach Infrastructure Project. Residents are very grateful and a lot of people are very happy about construction. Mr. Windemiller read a document created in 2001 as a result of 15 public hearings. He stated, "that parking should no longer dominate the streetscape rather a pleasant pedestrian realm and bicycle connection should be created to recast the image of the central portions of Hampton Beach. Travel to and from the beach should be convenient and circulation should be free of traffic congestion." Mr. Windemiller said that the Hampton Beach Betterment Committee agreed to the same thing and wanted sidewalks for people to carry their belongs to the beach. According to Mr. Windemiller the parking and sidewalk issue has been a problem for over 20 years and thanked the Board for working towards this vision.

Public Works Director John Hangen addressed the Board. He said that the Infrastructure Project was started approximately four years ago. Voters were asked to fund it. Many uptown people do not want to go to the Beach because is it so congested.

Mr. Hangen presented some pictures of residents selling parking spaces on their property. He also had a picture of a boat and a trailer parked for several months on the street. He believes that what is allowed for parking at the beach needs to be considered.

Mr. Hangen said that parking on one side of the street will allow traffic to move and will allow pedestrians to walk safely on a five foot sidewalk. He said that the vision, Board of Selectmen and engineer all had good intensions with this project. Mr. Hangen said that the contractor is working at rapid speeds considering the huge undertaking. It is a very complex project that takes time.

Mr. Griffin asked if the Board could solicit federal elected representatives to request financial assistance for a parking garage. People come from all over to go to Hampton Beach which is a State park and it would be a reasonable request to seek federal funding. He said that a letter should be drafted and sent to state and federal government officials.

Dick Violette addressed the Board. He said that he probably talks to more people in the beach area than anyone. He addresses any concerns that people have about the Infrastructure Project. He said that the contract deals with issues the same day as received. Mr. Violette is understanding of the disruption in the area, but assures people that the end result will benefit the Town.

He said that the Board of Selectmen will need to consider a deadline for the abutters who have sewers going across neighboring yards and when they will have to tie into the sewer system. He suggested that it be done in segments.

Mr. Violette said that the construction crews are great people to work with. He said that they even raised \$190 to help out a resident whose children's Christmas presents had been stolen from her vehicle.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pratt MOTIONED to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 PM. **Mrs. Bridle-Russell SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Chairman